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SUBJECT: BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS PAPER

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1. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT UNDERSTANDING ON BERLIN
CONSULTATION TOOK PLACE IN BONN GROUP MARCH 27.

2. RESPONDING TO US PRESENTATION, FRG REP (LUECKING)
SAID THE FONOFF AGREED WITH NEED FOR SUCH A PAPER AND
WOULD SEE FINAL RESULT AS A "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT".
HE SAID THAT UPON APPROVAL OF PAPER,
THE FONMIN
WOULD PROBABLY PRESENT PAPER TO CABINET (BUT NOT FOR
CABINET'S APPROVAL), AND AGREED PAPER WOULD THEN BE
CIRCULATED WIDELY WITHIN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS LEVER TO
HELP CONTROL SITUATION. AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT
EXPLICIT POINTS MADE BY LUECKING (ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS
APPROVED BY STATE SECRETARY FRANK) ARE THE FOLLOWING:

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(A) FRG WOULD LIKE REFERENCE AT BEGINNING OF

PAPER TO ARTICLE 6 OF RELATIONS CONVENTION, TO
SHOW CONTINUUM OF OBLIGATION;

(B) TO GIVE PAPER MORE "BALANCE", FRG DESIRES
INSERTION PASSAGE THAT ALLIES WOULD GIVE TIMELY
RESPONSES TO MATTERS RAISED BY FRG FOR CONSULTA-
TION;

(C) TO "ASSURE THAT FRG NOT UNDERTAKING SOMETHING
IT UNABLE TO CARRY OUT", REPLACE PARA D BY MORE
GENERAL PASSAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC
MENTION OF FEW MOST IMPORTANT CASES, AND FONOFF
WOULD THEN CIRCULATE ADDITIONAL MORE DETAILED
EXPLANATION OF PARA D WITHIN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AS "CLARIFICATION" OF BASIC CONSULTATION PAPER,

(D) RE PARA E, FRG THOUGHT SOME USEFULNESS IN
REINSTITUTING REGULAR MEETINGS ON BERLIN OF THE
FOUR POLITICAL DIRECTORS;

(E) WHILE "AGREEING WITH SPIRIT" OF PARA F (RE
NATO), FRG QUESTIONS WHETHER THIS DOCUMENT
APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR INCLUSION SUCH COMMITMENT;

(F) FRG WOULD NOT WISH CONSULTATIONS UNDERSTAND-
ING TO AFFECT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES RE TREATIES
AND AGREEMENTS TO BE EXTENDED TO BERLIN OR RE LAWS
TO BE TAKEN OVER THERE; AND

(G) THE PAPER MUST BE DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT
IT CAN BE WIDELY CIRCULATED WITHIN FRG AND WOULD
NOT BE DAMAGING IF IT WERE TO LEAK--WHICH CAN BE
EXPECTED.

3. ALLIES NOTED- GENERALLY POSITIVE
RESPONSE AND HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE
REACHED. WE DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY AND NEXT
MEETING ON SUBJECT WILL BE DRAFTING SESSION TO SEEK
AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

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